

A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 24, 2009 AS "BOYS STATE AND GIRLS STATE DAY" AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, the American legion and the American legion auxiliary have sponsored boys state and girls state since 1935 and 1938, respectively, and now have programs in every state but Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the goal of boys state and girls state is to develop leadership and pride in American government and to arouse a determination to maintain our form of government; and

WHEREAS, the American legion boys state and the American legion auxiliary girls state provide a venue for New Mexico's young citizens to explore what it means to be engaged in the civic life of our state and country, as well as to develop a full understanding of American democratic traditions and a belief in the United States of America as both an ideal and a functioning social contract; and

WHEREAS, boys state and girls state inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, the American legion boys state and the American legion auxiliary girls state safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 24,

2009 be proclaimed as "Boys State and Girls State Day" at the house of representatives to honor the efforts of the American legion, the American legion auxiliary and the young people who participate in New Mexico boys state and New Mexico girls state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the state commander of the American legion, the department president of the American legion auxiliary and the respective governors of New Mexico boys state and New Mexico girls state.